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LOCALNEWS

Council hears update on actions being taken after student deaths

CITY HALL By Matt Vis – TB Source

The principal of the Matawa Learning Centre describes the local response to the Seven Youth Inquest as "life-altering" that could have played a role in preventing the deaths of at least seven more students over the past two years.

Thunder Bay city council on Monday night was presented with the second annual report highlighting the city's progress in implementing its recommendations, nearly two years after the conclusion of the examination into the deaths of seven students attending school in the city from remote Indigenous communities between 2000 and 2011.

Work being done

The inquest resulted in 145 recommendations, with 31 of them directed to the city. The city identified 25 deemed to be short-term, with expected completion within one to two years.



GOOD DIRECTION: Matawa Learning Centre principal Brad Battiston spoke council on Monday night.

Of those, 20 are reported to having been implemented, four having already had the content or intent of the recommendation in place while another has had an alternate recommendation imple-

mented

Those have included the establishment of a sports equipment lending library for Indigenous students, a subsidized transit pass pilot project and providing students with information about the city prior to their arrival.

Matawa Learning Centre principal Brad Battiston told council that community members have made it clear they feel better about coming to Thunder Bay and can feel the support.

"I can tell you city transit and Thunder Bay police have been especially responsive in some very sensitive or potentially dangerous situations for our students.

While I don't know where it would have led to, there was an inquest for a reason. I know a lot of potential tragedies have been averted as a direct result of various city employees in different departments," Battiston said.

"It's been a game changer for our students and in a lot of ways a lifealtering experience for the positive."

The bodies of five of the youth that were the subject of the inquest were

found in local waterways.

Another two youth – Tammy Keeash and Josiah Begg – were found last May in the span of less than two weeks after they were each last seen the same weekend.

City police have since heightened patrols of waterways and through an initiative referred to as Project Floodway they have tracked the number of incidents in those high-risk areas, responding to more than 450 during a 13-month period, including 100 they deemed to

including 100 they deemed to be life-saving events. "We've had students in the water this year that the police have rescued. If they weren't

have rescued. If they weren't there, it's a whole different conversation," Battiston said. "I can say over the last two

years, especially with the increased efforts the city has put into it and with the Thunder Bay Police Service, I'm going

to say there are at least seven students that are here directly and we wouldn't hear all the stories anyways."

Jonathan Rudin, the lawyer representing six of the seven families, issued a report card last August grading the responding parties.

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The city was given a C+, but Rudin was optimistic the city would achieve an A the following year if it continued to show commitment.

"We have been successful at implementing the recommendations that we've sort of fully implemented through using partnership dollars by working together," said Karen Lewis, the city's director of corporate strategic services who is the inquest response lead. "Some of the larger recommendations we have left require funding."

Plan in place

City administration recommended the six remaining resolutions as mediumterm, with targeted completion in two to four years.

Lewis said an application of about \$1 million over five years has been made to the federal government for a Youth Inclusion Program, with the outcome of that ask expected in mid-July.

As well, the three local Indigenous education providers are working with the North West Local Health Integration Network for each to develop a facility for intoxicated youth, with the target of those being in place for September.



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LOCALNEWS



GOING FREE: Guillaume Donovan (left) and David Foucher faced sexual assault charges brought forth after a 2014 incident.

Not guilty verdict in sexual assault case

Ottawa hockey players were charged after 2014 incident **COURT** By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

A Thunder Bay judge has found two former Ottawa University hockey players not guilty of sexual assault for an incident that took place in a local hotel room in 2014.

Justice Chantal Brochu handed down her verdict in a Thunder Bay courtroom on Monday against Guillaume Donovan, 27, and David Foucher, 28, former players with the University of Ottawa Gee-Gees hockey team.

The trial against Donovan and Foucher, which saw several delays, opened on Feb. 5, 2018 in Thunder Bay and had several witnesses testify throughout the 10 days of proceedings.

Donovan and Foucher were charged with sexually assaulting a 21-year-old Thunder Bay woman on Feb. 2, 2014. Both players pleaded not guilty.

When delivering her verdict, Brochu said Donovan and Foucher were by no means gentleman the night of the alleged assault and said there was a high level of intoxication, but she has no reason to question their testimony during which they said the woman consented.

The credibility of the complainant's testimony was called into question, however, with Brochu citing several instances when her version of events differed when talking to police and during her testimony.

Crown prosecutor, Marc Huneault called five witnesses to testify, including two former Gee-Gees players, the complainant, her friend, and the University of Ottawa Gee-Gees former head coach. During testimony, it was revealed that the complainant connected with a member of the Ottawa team through an online dating app and met at a local bar. She then accompanied the player to a local hotel where the two engaged in consensual sex.

The complainant testified that during the encounter, she observed Donovan and Foucher in the room and she said they began to perform sexual acts on her without her consent. She testified she felt helpless and scared.

In his defense, Donovan testified that he engaged in sexual activity with the woman after she consented, adding that Foucher was also in the room. Foucher first told the Gee-Gees head coach the day after that his memory of the night was a blank, but during testimony he recalled being inside the room but said he did not touch the woman.

Former Gee-Gees coach, Real Paiement, testified Donovan told him the day after that it was a consensual threesome between the complainant, Donovan, and another player.

The Ottawa University hockey program was suspended following the allegations of sexual assault and Paiement was removed from his position as head coach.

Defense attorneys, Christian Deslauriers and Celina St. Francois, representing Donovan and Foucher respectively, cross-examined the witnesses extensively throughout the course of the trial, calling into question who was in the room at the time of the alleged assault, the complainant's memory of the night in question, and if she consented or not.

BEAR WISE NEWS

Garbage lures bears out of the woods



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so finding food in the summeris job number one.Report from the
Ministry of NaturalWhy do bears come into

When bears can't get enough

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LOCALNEWS

Trump in Duluth

U.S. president delivers campaign-style speech to thousands DULUTH. MINN. By Leith Dunick - TB Source

U.S. President Donald Trump may have been a stone's throw away from Canada last Tuesday night, but he made not a mention of one of his favourite sparring partners of late.

Trump instead targeted Mexico, immigrants, Hillary Clinton and the Democrats during an hour-long re-election rally in Duluth, Minn., the first visit to the city by a sitting president in 14 years.

The slogan-spouting president rallied his base with promises to build a wall to keep illegal immigrants from infiltrating through his country's southern border, touted the return of jobs to the United States and boasted about the low unemployment rate for African Americans to the nearly all-white crowd that packed the Amsoil Arena with hundreds more unable to enter the rink when the quickly planned event reached its capacity.

The well-trained partisan audience, in turn, responded with timely, if not tired, chants of "Lock her up," when Trump referenced Clinton, whom he handily beat in the 2016 presidential election, "Build the wall," when he referenced illegal immigrants and "CNN sucks," when he pointed to the media holding pen and called them "fake news."

Arriving about 15 minutes later than originally planned, Trump was greeted with a raucous "USA, USA, USA" cheer, and after urging the several thousand on hand to vote for a slate of Republican candidates in the November midterms, he suggested Democrats were focusing on immigration as a distraction from the recent inspector general's report.

"They're building up immigration because they don't want to show what's happening in congress now that this whole scam has been revealed," said Trump, whose campaign is being investigated by special prosecutor Robert Mueller for possible collusion with Russia in the 2016 election.

Earlier in the day Trump signed an executive order ending his administration's zero-tolerance practice of separating children from parents caught sneaking into the United States, resulting in more than 2,000 children being held in cages, sparking outrage around the world.

"As your president, I will always fight to protect American families. I will also fight for an immigration system that defends our border and takes care of the sovereignty of our nation," Trump said. "I will never sacrifice the safety and security of the American people.'

Trump promised Minnesotans he would unlock large tracts of land and make them available for resource development.

"Under the previous administration, America's rich, natural resources, of which your state has a lot, were put



NEARBY VISIT: U.S. President Donald Trump rallied his supporters last Wednesday evening in Duluth, Minn.

under lock and key, including thousands of acres in Superior Natural Forest. Tonight I am announcing we will soon be taking the first steps to rescind the federal withdrawal in Superior National Forest ... And we'll do it carefully, and maybe, if it doesn't pass muster, we won't do it at all. But it is going to happen, I will tell you," Trump said.

The president delighted the crowd by reminding them he spurred the gutting of Obamacare and how many environmental regulations his administration has overturned. He spoke of his recent meeting with North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un and reiterated how unfair he believes his country has been treated on the trade front - days after threatening tariffs on \$250 billion worth of Chinese goods after the Asian nation promised retaliatory tariffs against the U.S.

"As far as trade is concerned with other countries, we want fair and reciprocal trade, we don't want stupid trade, like we had for so long," Trump said, also threatening Mexico through NAFTA negotiations if the country can't stem the tide of would-be immigrants marching to its northern border with the U.S.

"Remember the word reciprocal. We have been ripped off by almost every single country on Earth - our friends and our enemies. And I hate to say it, but our friends do a much better job than our enemies. But those days are over," Trump said, attacking the European Union's trade practices.





ITCHING TO START: Judith Moneith-Farrell (NDP) narrowly defeated Liberal Bill Mauro.

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LOCALNEWS

MPP is ready to work

POLITICS By Leith Dunick - TB Source

t's been two weeks since Judith Monteith-Farrell was elected to Queen's Park to represent Thunder Bay-Atikokan for the NDP.

Not yet sworn in, the rookie politician has already fielded plenty of phone calls from constituents looking for assistance, and has been busy setting up her constituency office on George Street, which she expects will open for business on Aug. 1.

It's slow going, for now, she said. "We just got access to the other office," Monteith-Farrell said on Friday of the transition period, after she edged long-time Liberal MPP Bill Mauro by 81 votes in the June 7 election, having swooped into the race late to fill in for an ailing John Rafferty. Rafferty had originally won the nomination, but stepped aside, citing health concerns.

"Mr. Mauro had to be out by vesterday. On Monday I get to pick up the key to get the assets of the government, the computers, etc. to start the set-up process, security, telephones, those sorts of things."

Monteith-Farrell said it took about a day for the reality of her career change to sink in, adding she's anxious to buckle down and get to work for the people of her riding.

There remains a possibility that Premier-elect Doug Ford the Progressive and Conservatives will recall the legislature for a rare summer session, which the region's newest politician says is fine with her.

"I'd welcome a summer session to get to work," she said. "It's a good way to get to know things. It would be short, because I don't think (the PCs) want to be there that long.

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JUDITH MONTEITH-

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"What we're also doing is having a swearing-in ceremony in process on the 17th of July, with our caucus. We may, if (Ford) calls us in earlier, have to be sworn in earlier."

Monteith-Farrell said she's met with her caucus and other first-time MPPs, who were taught the basics of Queen's Park in a recent session.

Though she's not yet officially an MPP, the work really has already began, she said.

"It's also getting to know the institution. I went to a board meeting for the hospital. I've met with the university president. I've met with different groups that have business interests. They

were asking to meet with me, so I'm looking forward to getting that overview and what are the burning issues for them."

INSPECTION

EITH DUNICH

Inspection of Approved Aerial Herbicide Project Black Spruce, Dog River-Matawin and Lakehead Forests

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) invites you to inspect the MNRF-approved aerial herbicide projects. As part of our ongoing efforts to regenerate and protect Ontario's forests, selected stands on the Black Spruce, Dog River-Matawin and Lakehead Forests (see map) will be sprayed with herbicide to control competing vegetation, starting on or about: August 1, 2018.

The approved project description and project plan for the aerial herbicide project is available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at the respective SFL holders' office and on the Ontario Government website at www.ontario.ca/forestplans beginning July 1, 2018 until March 31, 2019 when the Annual Work Schedule expires.

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Editorial

EDITORIAL

Bring on legal weed

Doritos sales are about to spike in Canada.

Last week the Canadian government finally got its landmark cannabis legalization legislation on the books.

As of October, the Jeff Spicoli crowd will be able to walk into a governmentrun store and purchase weed without the fear of being arrested.

It's long overdue.

More than 40 per cent of Canadians over 15 have tried pot at some point in their lives.

A good percentage of that number use it on a regular basis. That includes doctors, lawyers, police officers and teachers.

The days of Reefer Madness are long gone.

Admittedly, pot isn't for everyone. But it's not the gateway drug opponents would like the public to believe. It's also a lot less dangerous than alcohol, a drug that's been legal throughout most of history, with a brief respite during the failed Prohibition era.

Let's face it. Anyone who wanted marijuana in recent decades didn't have to search far to find it. And dealers didn't discriminate – young and old, anyone was fair game.

With it legally available, the black market is going to shrink and it will be harder for kids to access it. Not impossible by any means, but certainly more difficult. And that's a good thing.

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Doctors desperately needed

OPINION By Kim Latimer

We need doctors. It's a story as old as the north is remote. On the surface the solution seems simple: put a recruitment team together, offer good northern incentives, recruit locals from our Northern Ontario School of Medicine (NOSM), and voila - problem solved. If only it were that simple.

NOSM is making a significant difference in our community's recruitment efforts. In fact, "since 2011, more than 160 NOSM-educated physicians have set up their medical practices in the north part of the province. There are also 90 registered dietitians who are now working in northern rural communities," according to a CBC story published Oct. 16, 2017.

However, the reality of recruiting and retaining doctors to come and stay in our community is much more complicated. Thunder Bay has grown into a hub for the region and no longer meets the criteria of rural medicine.

"We're not considered to be true 'rural medicine' (which comes with it the intrigue of trying everything as a new doctor), and we also aren't a full urban centre – we fall in the middle, but it's not always the exciting opportunity that new graduates are attracted to on either side of the spectrum," explains Caitlyn Phirbny, Community Health Sciences Recruiter for Thunder Bay Community Economic Development Commission (CEDC).

Additionally, Thunder Bay continues to face a very real shift in family care. Long-time family physicians with large patient rosters are retiring, and in some cases, it's taking two or three health care providers to absorb thousands of patients. Recruiters say ministrymandated guidelines under certain models of practice can also be fairly rigid – some new grads tell recruiters that their hesitation to join a particular model is due to the restrictions or simple lack of ability to practice on their own terms.

The fundamental problem persists: we need more medical professionals. While fellow doctors are helping to recruit amongst their own circles of colleagues, community efforts are also making headway.

We have an active committee in Thunder Bay focusing on recruitment and retention efforts. The Thunder Bay Physician Recruitment and Retention Council is a partnership of community, medical, government, and academic institutions with a mission to recruit and retain the right number and mix of physicians and healthcare professionals for Thunder Bay and the community.

"Our council sees real opportunity here, not only for medical professionals but the economic impact that reverberates on the community. When doctors and healthcare workers come and contribute to our community, they bring a very real economic advantage," says Kyle Jessiman, chair of the Thunder Bay Physician Recruitment and Retention Council and the clinic administrator at the Lakehead Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic.

Essentially, what council is doing well right now is linking physicians and healthcare providers with available opportunities. They're working as a team, which includes doctors in our community also doing their part to recruit colleagues.

Lynda Fares, Elizabeth Mayo, Caitlyn Phirbny and Kyle Jessiman work with the Thunder Bay Physician Recruitment and Retention Council to bring health care



FALLING NUMBERS: Several long-time family physicians with large rosters have retired or plan to in the near future.

providers to Thunder Bay and keep them engaged in the Community

Thunder Bay has three active full-time recruiters: Caitlyn Phirbny's main role under the support of the CEDC is to recruit any health care professionals needed in Thunder Bay including family physicians, nurse practitioners, personal support workers, occupational therapists, and physical therapists.

Elizabeth Mayo is the physician recruiter for the Thunder Bay Regional Health Sciences Centre, who focuses her search mainly on specialists and hospitalists. Elizabeth's role is directly and entirely devoted to recruiting for TBRHSC.

"We have good news: we have 3 Psychiatrists beginning practice at TBRHSC this spring, and we've seen some specialists decide to stay longer-term which is always a success," she says.

Elizabeth says she's seen a lot of "really encouraging successes", pointing to increased number of Hospitalists who've joined TBRHSC. She says what we're lacking right now and in the entire region are psychiatrists, dermatologists, rheumatologists, and pathologists.

Lynda Fares is the manager of recruitment and retention for St. Joseph's Care Group and is directly involved in the recruitment of psychiatrists. She agrees with Elizabeth around the importance of recruiting more psychiatrists to the region.

"We have been successful over the last few years with recruiting a number of psychiatrists to St. Joseph's Care Group."

She adds that there is an ongoing need not only for psychiatrists but also a spectrum of other health care professionals.

"St. Joseph's Care Group is the largest single provider of mental health and addictions services in Northwestern Ontario and this spring we will be opening the new Mental Health and Rehabilitation Wing of St. Joseph's Hospital."

While on a wider scale our communities are in need of more personal support workers, occupational therapists, and physical therapists. "I'm here to react to the need...we're doing some outreach in Winnipeg, and we're travelling several times a year for events with the purpose of recruiting family physicians and other healthcare professionals," Caitlyn says.

Caitlyn says undoing the misconceptions about Thunder Bay is part of her pitch. She likes to point out that the community has a lot more in terms of dynamic career opportunities than first meets the eye, highlighting the Thunder Bay Regional Research Institute, NOSM teaching opportunities, research linked to Lakehead University, and unique IT and health industries here including the Paleo DNA lab.

"Not to mention, we have a strong arts and culture scene, internationally-recognized restaurants, art galleries, and a professional theatre. We are also the smallest city in Canada with a full symphony orchestra," says Caitlyn.

Meeting the expectations of families who are relocating is key: "For families, we have beautiful subdivisions with vacancy located right beside the hospital – in walking distance – or there is property with acres of land within city limits. Not to mention, Thunder Bay has a well-rounded education system and a fully funded International Baccalaureate Program for high school students in Thunder Bay," says Caitlyn.

"We want healthcare professionals who are considering Thunder Bay to know that in addition to the wonderful outdoor lifestyle we have here, there's so much more to offer."

Their efforts are paying off: "A lot of our healthcare groups are growing, we have new physician assistants and nurse practitioners working with the Hospitalists," says Elizabeth. "As well, our vascular surgery group has a physician assistant, a second vascular surgeon has joined us since the new year, and a third will join us this summer." she says.

"We work to find out what professionals and their families are seeking or are interested in, and try to match their interests to our city. Once they come to see a glimpse of what we have to offer here, they get a better feel for all of the advantages of living in Thunder Bay."

Perspective

Happy Canada Day

Canada's a way better place to live than Switzerland

OPINION By J.R. Shermack **Special to TB Source**

With Canada Day approaching I can proudly say that in my personal survey of best places to live, "We're No. 1."

Being Canadian involves more than just living here – it requires an awareness, a sensitivity, an attitude.

Sometimes that feeling is hard to describe although most of us will politely protest anything "un-Canadian".

Canada is admired worldwide for assets like extreme politeness and maple syrup but those are just things that make us sweeter.

To find out what others really think, listen to what is said about us and check our standing among other countries of the world

At least one prominent survey disagrees with my top ranking for Canada.

The authors of the annual "Best Countries Survey" came to a different conclusion and awarded the number one spot to Switzerland.

What they were thinking – were they impressed by the low unemployment, the cultural diversity or the several Swiss Nobel Prize winners?

I'm sure the Swiss are fine people and they deserve credit for their Best Countries score of a perfect ten.

But let's face it, they are still missing that certain "je ne sais quoi" that makes Canadians so well-liked and deserving of a better ranking.

A look back in history

Even after we were snubbed for the number one spot, the Best Countries web site still had some backhanded compliments for Canada.

It was duly noted that our country is the second biggest in the world after Russia so, I guess that's something.

Also, as of June 17th our population was 36,939,711 which is an accomplishment we can actually take credit for - we're all included in that number.

But let's go Canada, thirty-seven million is within reach if that's what it takes to improve our ranking, I'm sure you all know what to

do.

This survey took place after the last U.S. election we're still No. using fact-based information and over 21,000 books..." individual interviews worldwide.

"As for

Canada,

1 in my

Countries were rated in nine categories including adventure, citizenship, heritage and

cultural influence. Canada is described as "a high-tech

industrial society with a high standard of living"

We were ranked number one in "Quality of Life", based on political atmosphere, a robust economy and our national treasure, health care.

We didn't do so well in the "Heritage Category" (we ranked 41st) due to our domestic challenges with Indigenous and Frenchspeaking people.

"Has great food" also let us down

with a measly score of 0.9, but this is where I must take exception.

If the survey participants had joined us for the roast chicken we served the other night, they would still be licking their lips.

Canadian cuisine tantalizes the taste buds - our gravy is so savoury it is rumored to have addictive properties.

The surveyors were even more brutal in the "Rich History" category (we scored 0.2) – clearly, they tasted neither our food nor our colorful heritage.

Switzerland won "Best Country" for the second year in a row - the rationale was explained this way.

"It is once again clear that military vigor and economic power are no longer key determinants." That should make Canada a

real contender for top spot. Also considered top five

material in 2018 is Japan, in fifth place for its entrepreneurship and cultural influence.

Fourth went to the U.K. - Germany was third and notably, their ranking reflects a lot of traditional Canadian values.

As for Canada, we're still No. 1 in books but the survey my says...number two with an overall score of 9.9 (Switzerland got 10).

So get out there and celebrate Canada Day but don't do anything that might keep us from our rightful place - number one and rising. Happy Canada Day, eh?

HAVING A BALL



GETTING MARRIED: Angel Premack (left) is proposed to by David Pereira prior to the fourth inning on Sunday, June 24, 2018 at Port Arthur Stadium.

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The applicants say that the electricity distribution rates for customers of each of Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. and Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd. will remain separate for five years from the date the transaction is completed. The applicants also say that the costs of the proposed amalgamation will not be funded by ratepayers.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider the application filed by Thunder Bay Hydro and Kenora Hydro. We will question the companies on the case. We will also hear arguments from individuals and from groups that represent each of the utilities to the proposed amalgamation. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to approve the application.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding the application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review Thunder Bay Hydro and Kenora Hydro's application on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **July 9, 2018** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2018-0124.** To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2018-0124** from the list on the OEB website: **www.oeb.ca/notice.** You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. Thunder Bay Hydro and Kenora Hydro have requested for a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **July 9, 2018.**

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under sections 18, 60, 77(5) and 86(1) of the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).



Ontario Energy Commission de l'énergie Board de l'Ontario

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LOCALNEWS



APPROVES: MP Patty Hajdu has long been in favour of legalization.

Education key to legal cannabis

THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

More than 40 per cent of Canadians 15 and older have tried cannabis at least once in their life.

That gives the country one of the highest rates of use of the drug in the world. And it's why local Liberal MP Patty Hajdu says cannabis is nothing new to Canadians.

Last week the federal government's push to legalize weed received royal assent, meaning recreational users later this year will be able to purchase pot without breaking the law.

Hajdu, who once headed the City of Thunder Bay's drug strategy, said legalization has been a long-time coming, and while she supports the new law fully, cautioned that it can only work with public education being made a priority.

"I think from our perspective, there's a lot of work to do in terms of education with Canadians around consumption and the risks and safer consumption practices," Hajdu said. "But this is something I think we're committed to doing and something I think we should be talking about in general about all substance use."

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau made it a priority to legalize cannabis, which was criminalized in Canada in 1923, making the country one of the first in the world to make it an illegal substance, 14 years before the United States followed suit.

Trudeau had originally planned to make it legal again on July 1, but delays with approval in the senate pushed the schedule back.

Hajdu said it just couldn't happen overnight.

"There's still a lot of work to do to be prepared for the access of regulated cannabis. Provinces and municipalities are working diligently to make sure they have appropriate bylaws and distribution mechanisms," she said.

In Thunder Bay, an Ontario Cannabis Store is scheduled to open in a mini mall located adjacent to the Real Canadian Superstore.

Hajdu said she's confident Canadians are ready for legal weed, adding it also keeps it out of the hands of teenagers.

"It isn't a new drug to Canada. The change is it will be a regulated regime and that means it will be more difficult for young people to access," Hajdu said, noting that in consultations with young people while putting together the city's drug strategy in 2011 was how widely available pot was in local schools – more so than alcohol.

"They could buy it from the kid next door that was selling it out of their locker. They could buy it on the street, oftentimes they could buy it from extended family members. There was no problem. It gets more complicated in a regulated regime, for young people to access substances."

Cannabis is expected to become legal for sale in Canada on Oct. 17.





COURT DATES: Mayor Keith Hobbs's preliminary hearing is expected to last into July.

Hobbs' hearing begins

Thunder Bay mayor facing extortion charges **COURT** By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

Against Thunder Bay mayor, Keith Hobbs, got underway in a Thunder Bay Courtroom on Monday.

Hobbs and his wife, Marissa Hobbs, are both facing charges of extortion and obstruction of justice. Mary Voss is also facing a charge of extortion. They were first charged by the Ontario Provincial Police in July, 2017.

According to court documents, the charges against Keith and Marisa Hobbs and Voss allege the three of them attempted to "induce Alexander 'Sandy' Zaitzeff to purchase a house, by threats, accusations or menace of disclosing criminal allegations to the police, thereby committing extortion."

Keith and Marissa Hobbs and Voss all appeared in person before Justice Gibson, who will determine if there is enough evidence to proceed to trial. Hobbs is represented by Toronto attorney, Brian Greenspan, while Voss is represented by local attorney, George Joseph.

On Monday, Crown prosecutor, Peter Keen, provided an opening statement. A publication ban is in place on all evidence, witnesses, and testimony presented during the preliminary hearing.

The hearing is scheduled to take place until early July and 19 witnesses are expected to be called.

AVIS DE LA COMMISSION DE L'ÉNERGIE DE L'ONTARIO AUX CLIENTS DE THUNDER BAY HYDRO ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION INC. ET KENORA HYDRO ELECTRIC CORPORATION LTD.

Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. et Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd. ont demandé à la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario d'approuver la fusion et la poursuite de leurs activités en tant que nouvelle société de distribution d'électricité.

Apprenez-en plus. Donnez votre avis.

Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. et Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd. ont demandé à la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario, dans le cadre de la fusion proposée, d'approuver :

- a) le transfert des tarifs actuels et des permis de distribution d'électricité de Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. et Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd. à la nouvelle société de distribution d'électricité lorsque les actifs de distribution d'électricité seront transférés à la nouvelle société de distribution d'électricité;
- b) un nouveau permis de distribution d'électricité pour la nouvelle société de distribution d'électricité;
- c) l'annulation des permis de distribution d'électricité de Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. et de Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd., lorsque le nouveau permis de distribution pour la nouvelle société de distribution d'électricité sera délivré.

Les requérants affirment que les tarifs de distribution d'électricité pour les clients de Thunder Bay Hydro Electricity Distribution Inc. et de Kenora Hydro Electric Corporation Ltd. demeureront distincts pendant cinq ans à compter de la date de la transaction. Les requérants affirment également que les coûts de la fusion proposée ne seront pas financés par les contribuables.

LA COMMISSION DE L'ÉNERGIE DE L'ONTARIO TIENDRA UNE AUDIENCE PUBLIQUE

La Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario (CEO) tiendra une audience publique afin d'étudier la demande déposée par Thunder Bay Hydro et Kenora Hydro. Nous demanderons aux sociétés de justifier la nécessité de ce changement. Nous écouterons également les arguments des personnes et des groupes qui représentent chacun des services publics à propos de la fusion proposée. À l'issue de cette audience, la CEO prendra sa décision quant à l'approbation de la demande.

La Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario est une agence publique indépendante et impartiale. Les décisions que nous prenons visent à servir au mieux l'intérêt public. Notre objectif est d'encourager le développement d'un secteur de l'énergie efficace et financièrement viable, afin d'offrir des services énergétiques fiables à un prix raisonnable.

INFORMEZ-VOUS ET DONNEZ VOTRE AVIS

Vous avez le droit d'être informé au sujet de cette demande et de participer au processus.

- Vous pouvez examiner la demande de la Thunder Bay Hydro et Kenora Hydro sur le site Web de la CEO dès maintenant.
- Vous pouvez déposer une lettre de commentaires qui sera prise en compte au cours de l'audience.
 Vous pouvez participer activement au processus (à titre d'intervenant). Inscrivez-vous avant le 9 juillet 2018, faute de quoi
 - l'audience aura lieu sans votre participation et vous ne recevrez plus d'avis dans le cadre de ce dossier.
- Vous pourrez examiner la décision rendue par la CEO à l'issue de la procédure, ainsi que ses justifications, sur notre site Web.

APPRENEZ-EN PLUS

Le numéro de référence de ce dossier est **EB-2018-0124**. Pour obtenir de plus amples renseignements sur cette audience, la marche à suivre pour déposer une lettre, la manière de participer en tant qu'intervenant ou de consulter les documents relatifs à cette affaire, veuillez sélectionner le numéro de dossier **EB-2018-0124** dans la liste qui figure sur le site Web de la CEO : **www.oeb.ca/notice-fr**. Pour toute question, vous pouvez également communiquer avec notre centre des relations avec les consommateurs au 1-877-632-2727.

AUDIENCES ORALES OU AUDIENCES ÉCRITES

Il existe deux types d'audiences à la CEO : les audiences orales et les audiences écrites. Thunder Bay Hydro et Kenora Hydro ont demandé une audience écrite. La CEO examine cette demande à l'heure actuelle. Si vous pensez qu'une audience orale est nécessaire, vous pouvez justifier votre demande par écrit à la CEO avant le **9 juillet 2018.**

PROTECTION DES RENSEIGNEMENTS PERSONNELS

Si vous écrivez une lettre de commentaires, votre nom et le contenu de cette lettre seront ajoutés au dossier public et au site Web de la CEO. Toutefois, votre numéro de téléphone, votre adresse de domicile et votre adresse électronique ne seront pas rendus publics. Si vous représentez une entreprise, tous les renseignements de l'entreprise demeureront accessibles au public. Si vous participez à titre d'intervenant, tous vos renseignements personnels seront rendus publics.

Cette audience sur les tarifs sera tenue en vertu des articles 18, 60, 77(5) et 86(1) de la Loi de 1998 sur la Commission de l'énergie de l'Ontario, L.O 1998, chap. 15 (annexe B).



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LOCALNEWS

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entered the river to pull the female safely to

She was transported to hospital by ambu-

lance for medical attention.

Police rescue woman from waterway

POLICE By TB Source staff

One woman was taken to hospital Thursday night for medical attention after a water rescue from Neebing River. According to a Thunder Bay Police Service media release, officers around 9 down the river. Officers arrived within minutes and

p.m. responded to a report of a female in the Neebing River between Northern Avenue and Southern Avenue.

Police say she had been completely submerged at one point and was floating

INSPECTION

Inspection of Approved Aerial Herbicide Project Dryden, English River and Wabigoon Forests

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) invites you to inspect the MNRF-approved aerial herbicide projects. As part of our ongoing efforts to regenerate and protect Ontario's forests, selected stands on the Dryden, English River and Wabigoon Forests (see map) will be sprayed with herbicide to control competing vegetation, starting on or about: August 1, 2018.

The approved project description and project plan for the aerial herbicide projects is available for public inspection by appointment during normal business hours at Dryden Forest Management Company for the Dryden Forest, Resolute Forest Products Inc. for the English River and Domtar Inc. for the Wabigoon Forest and on the Ontario Government website at www.ontario.ca/forestplans beginning June 27, 2018 until March 31, 2019 when the Annual Work Schedule expires.



Interested and affected persons and organizations can arrange an appointment with MNRF staff to discuss the aerial herbicide project. For more information, please contact:

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OVERHEATED: Being left in a hot car can be deadly for pets.

No hot pets campaign is under way

THUNDER BAY By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

s the days get warmer the emphasis on not leaving a dog in a Acar is getting more vocal, according to the Ontario Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

The 2018 Dogs in Hot Cars Blitz started on Friday, and OSPCA officer Jeremy Gardiner was outside the Pet Smart on Memorial Avenue to look for any dogs that may have been at risk.

"We're trying to raise awareness about how unsafe it is to leave you pet in a vehicle, and how we've developed a zero tolerance policy," Gardiner said.

Gardiner said a dog's normal body temperature is about 39C, and a three degree jump can cause irreparable brain damage to a dog

"That jump can happen within a few minutes," he said.

Businesses with a "No Excuses, No Hot Pets" sign outside their store will allow pets inside for those who have their dogs in the car on a hot day.

Gardiner is encouraging people to find other arrangements if their dog is in the car.

"If you care for your pet, just leave it at home. It's safer at home," he said.

Businesses are encouraged to sign up for the initiative by visiting nohotpets.ca.

Jail death investigated

THUNDER BAY By TB Source Staff

The Regional Coroner's office is investigating a sudden death at the Thunder Bay District Jail. Few details are available at this point, but sources indicate the death occurred early Saturday morning.

A post-mortem is being conducted to determine the cause.

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LOCALNEWS **Police look at** diversification

THUNDER BAY By Doug Diaczuk - TB Source

The Thunder Bay Police Service is reflecting a more diverse workforce but it is still falling behind in some service areas when it comes to being a true mirror to the community.

"The police are the community, the community are the police," said acting Thunder Bay Police Service chief, Sylvie Hauth. "Those are the fundamental principles of community policing. What we really want is to have a force that will be representative of who we are in Thunder Bay. We are doing well in certain areas and not so well in others."

During a meeting of the Thunder Bay Police Service board on Tuesday, Leisa Desmoulins, a consultant for the service and professor at Lakehead University, provided an update on the Organizational Change Project currently underway, including results of a 2018 workforce census of the force.

The results of the census were compared to the 2016 Thunder Bay census and the 2017 Police Administration Survey.

"When we look at the areas where Thunder Bay Police Service are doing well, we can see that for visible minority police officers, they actually outpace the community and for women in senior management, police officers outpace the community," Desmoulins

said. "So that is the good news in terms of what was found."



Visible minorities also represent 4.9 per cent of the service, compared to 4.3 per cent of the general population in the city. But when compared to sworn officers, the provincial average of 29 per cent is far above

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Thunder Bay Police's six per cent. "In terms of areas we are going to look at further, civilians, visible minorities, as well as Aboriginal people where the Thunder Bay Police Service does not reflect the community," Desmoulins said.

In the civilian branch of the Thunder Bay Police Service, only 2.1 per cent identified as a visible minority, while 4.3 per cent did in the Thunder Bay census.

When it comes to Aboriginal people, 13 per cent in the census identified as Aboriginal, compared to 7.9 per cent with the Thunder Bay Police Service. Among sworn officers, the local service had 11 per cent compared to 2.8 per cent provincially, but in the civilian branch, no members identified as Aboriginal locally.

"Obviously we have some work to do," Hauth said. "It's going to be another part of our Organizational Change Project. One area is actually recruiting. It's going to be in terms of targeting not only in terms of sworn officers, but looking at our civilian compliment."

With the Thunder Bay Police Service competing against other services such as the Ontario Provincial Police and the Nishnawbe Aski Police Service, Hauth said more creative approaches to recruitment are necessary.

"The committee we put together, it's really to look at what has worked in other areas, not just in Thunder Bay, but what has worked in the province, what has worked in Canada and really bring that back to us as a service so we can be productive and really engage in having meaningful recruitment strategies," she said.

The working group, which consists of three members of the community and four police officers, will be looking at recruitment strategies over the summer and provide an update to the board in September.

"They are going to look at some ways they can attract people who traditionally haven't applied to the Thunder Bay Police, whether that is civilian or sworn," Desmoulins said.





Mud run tons of dirty fun

Hundreds of people take part in Muds and Suds fundraiser at Mount Baldy

THUNDER BAY By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

umans, as a species, have largely evolved to the point where we don't roll

around in mud as a means of having fun. However, the Mud Run at Mount Baldy offers a chance for those longing for the days of mud-filled adventure.

For the second straight year, Mount Baldy has been the scene of fun and mud.

"We're growing. We're getting bigger and it turned out very well," said co-owner of the skii resort, Jason Kardas.

Teams are asked to go through various mud-enriched obstacles that are scattered across the hill at Mount Baldy.

The experience: tiring, dirty, buggy, but rewarding.

"Once you hit the top, you look over the city, it's beautiful. Get muddy, crawl through some stuff... it was great," said Tayler Whitney, a member of the 'Brains over Brawn.

"We've been training all year," teammate April Mercier said with a hint of sarcasm. "Running and drinking beer afterwards. It's great."

"It's seriously so fun," said Tania Bimm, who travelled with friends from Atikokan to take part. "I got stuck half-way down a slide, and it's hilarious when things maybe don't go the way you intended."

The great time is for a great cause as the proceeds raised will go towards the Canadian Cancer Society.

"We had about 200 participants raise over \$20,000 which is just terrific for a day in the mud," said regional manager Maria Cabral.

"We depend on fundraising," Cabral continued. "Without it, we couldn't do what we do for the community."



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TB**Life**



MOVED: Nine-year-old Avery Martin helps fill in around a transplanted apple tree at Tapiola Park.

Youngsters learn about the land

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THUNDER BAY By Leith Dunick – TB Source

Most modern youngsters have little or no connection left with the land.

In a world of smart phones and video games, it's tough enough sometimes for parents to get their children to go outside for a little old-fashioned playtime.

It's precisely why Little Lions Waldorf Child and Family Centre has decided to

partner with the Finlandia Club and the Regional Food Distribution Association to provide outdoor programming that includes a taste of gardening and taking care of rabbits and chickens. It's a great education, said

Lindsay Gaw-Martin, chief executive officer at Little Lions, speaking this week at the Pento Road site.

"The children are able to take part in actual planting, and then taking care of a garden over the

summer and watching things grow, to actually harvest those things in the fall and be able to use them for the program and also for the RFDA," Gaw-Martin said.

Learning about the land should be an important part of everyone's upbringing, she added.

"We're grounded in the Earth. We need to make sure we're taking care of the Earth and

we're raising children who want to take care of the Earth moving forward, so that we're taking care of the environment, making sure we're being kind to animals – all those things we want to instill in children, "Gaw-Martin said.

June Gaw, who chairs the RFDA and is also on the Little Lions board of directors, said the Tapiola community garden has been a huge success. Recently they added transplanted apple trees from the Salvation

Army's Cumberland Street site, trees that had to be moved to make way for the organization's new facility.

"We are developing a whole area that is going to be a wonderful nature experience for children throughout the summer," Gaw said. "A lot of children don't realize

where food comes from. The can is opened and there are the peas, or their parent goes to the supermarket and buys a bunch of carrots and brings them home and cooks them.

This way the children are planting and seeing things growing." During the summer the youngsters pull

kale and feed it to the rabbits, for example.

"It's an experience with nature that many will not otherwise have," Gaw said. "I think by encompassing all of our community partners, we're creating a better Thunder Bay and a better place for all of us to live."



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"While I nodded, nearly napping, suddenly there came a tapping; As of some one gently rapping rapping at my chamber door.' - Edgar Allen Poe "The Raven"

Well it wasn't a gentle rapping; it wasn't at my chamber door; and it wasn't a raven. It was a loud "thonk, thonk, thonking" and it was at my library window. My library is in the basement of Casa Jones.

I was up early as per usual and after brewing a pot of morning coffee, had settled in my chair to read. The rest of the family were still asleep. Thus, in the stillness of the morning, the abrupt 'thonking' startled me. "What the ...?" I wondered. There was a brief pause and then the thudding against the wall resumed. What manner of Morse

Code is this? Another pause and more 'thonking'. I clambered out of my Lazy Boy and turned in the direction of the noise. There, staring at me, was the male Sandhill crane. Holy cow! So close! Just outside my window, too. When the bird (they are very tall), saw me it immediately jumped and then slowly backed away from the side of the

house, spreading its wings to that immense width cranes possess. I watched as the crane slowly walked around the corner of the house disappearing from sight.

No longer seeing the crane, I walked upstairs to recharge my coffee mug and went to peer out of the living room window to see if I could spot the bird.

They can move very quickly on their long, thin legs. He had now moved up and over the septic field and down into the upper main horse paddock.

Now, the exciting news for me came a week ago when I saw now both adult cranes pecking at the ground in what we call Pond Paddock which is situated beside our upper beaver pond. Wow! For the past two weeks we only saw the dad crane by himself come to feed. Now both adults were there. And that can only mean one thing: their eggs have hatched and they must have a baby crane or two.

There were two. Through the binoculars I spotted two, orange fuzz-balls appearing and then disappearing depending o the length of the grass. Yay! Success in the crane progeny department.

The next morning the 'thonking' resumed. This time I was still in bed. The bird's "gentle rapping" woke me and Laura. "He's (yawn) at it again," I muttered. "Yup," came the muffled reply.

I looked at the bedside clock to see that it was ten to six. As I climbed out of bed I thought about the "early bird gets the worm" saying and mused on how this guy was definitely an early riser.

I chanced to peek out the bedroom window and he immediately caught sight of me, jerking his head up and then repeating that backward dance, slowly turning and proceeding away from the house. Well, I'm up; might as well throw on some clothes and make coffee.

When coffee was ready and after pouring mug no. 1, I returned to my viewing perch in the living room to see that 'dad' had joined 'mum' and the 'little 'uns' in Pond paddock. Good. Sharing parenting duties.

This past weekend we had Toronto relatives staying with us. The parents slept in a bedroom in the basement and when Craig, the dad, was in the washroom that is just across from my library, he, too, heard the Morse Code. He entered my library to see dad crane pecking at the window. When 'dad' caught sight of Craig, he, again, repeated his backward dance.

At breakfast Craig posited a theory that the male crane had seen his reflection and, observing what he took to be a rival, began pecking at his reflection.

Alas, Sunday noon I looked through the binoculars to locate family Crane. Sometimes it takes a while to see both wee orange fuzz-balls especially if they are moving in the long grass. But then parents and baby entered an open area. I looked and looked but saw only one. I returned in the afternoon and again saw only one young crane.

Dang! Sad and a bit miffed at Maw Nature that perhaps some predator snatched one of the young ones.

I know: I'm a softy; I project my hopes that the crane parents would get to successfully raise both crane-lings. Unfortunately for the missing youngster's future, poet Poe's word of finality rings true - "Nevermore".







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ANNUAL RITUAL ON THE WATER: Rev. Ed Swayze blesses a group of seafarers at the Marina Park pier last Saturday morning.

Fleet gets a blessing

THUNDER BAY By Michael Charlebols – TB Source

The water, despite our long history with it, can be unfamiliar, misunderstood, and life-threatening.

That's why Rev. Ed Swayze provides seafarers with his blessing each year at the Marina Park.

"I'm a sailor in my own right," Swayze said. "I've been through storms, and big waves, and I've been afraid. You've just got to hang on and keep going. You can't lose your nerve."

The Mission to the Seafarers is an outreach of the Anglican Church that has existed in Thunder Bay since 1961.

They minister to the needs of the marine community with a focus on sailors from ocean-going ships.

Last Saturday, Swayze blessed these sailors with a cedar balm as they passed his ship at Pier 3 at Marina Park.

Swayze, like other members of The Mission to Seafarers, rely on faith to give them a helping hand when out at sea.

"Faith gives us resiliency in dealing with challenges," he said. "When you're in a dangerous situation, you have to respond in order to keep yourself safe and the ship safe."

Les Newman, who was the master of ceremonies for the event, said Thunder Bay's naval history is rich.

"This was a major recruiting centre in World War II for the navy," Newman said. "And the waterfront has always been active and vibrant with commercial and recreational boating."

"We wish favour and keep prayer not just for us, but the entire maritime community in Thunder Bay," Swayze said.

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"The confidence I gained impressed my family."

Michael, Tim Horton Camper from Ottawa, ON

Immigrating to Canada from Tanzania as a child, Michael was often shy and nervous in his new surroundings. It wasn't until he attended Tim Horton Camp in Parry Sound that he came out of his shell. The friends he made immediately took him under their wings and challenged him to try new experiences. After 10 days of zip-lining and canoeing, Michael returned home with a new confidence. Now understanding the power of a helping hand, he works with new students at his school to help them find their place in their new surroundings.

Thank you, Michael. And thanks to all our Tim Horton Campers who make our community stronger.



Hot sauce company's feeling the heat

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BUSINESS By Michael Charlebols – TB Source

A local success story is reaching levels of international fame thanks in part to a popular online series where celebrities are interviewed while eating spicy chicken wings.

Heartbeat Hot Sauce's red habanero sauce was selected for this season's lineup on *Hot Ones* – the popular YouTube series hosted by Sean Evans.

The show features Evans conversing with celebrities, all while eating progressively spicier chicken wings, slathered in hot sauces from all around the world.

For the sixth season, the second hot sauce in the lineup is the creation of locals Al Bourbouhakis and Nancy Shaw.

"Let's take a moment to admire this beautiful bottle," host Sean Evans said on the Season 6 line-up reveal. "This lovely heart chili-pepper graphic; it is beautiful to look at. And get this, it's from a place called Thunder Bay, Ont."

The shoutout from Evans was about as perfect as Bourbouhakis could have asked for.

"We got a really, really nice introduction," he said.

However the process to get onto to the mega-popular show was something Bourbouhakis described as a "long drawn-out process."

Initially, Bourbouhakis was contacted by a Brooklyn-based hot sauce shop called the Heatonist.

Self-referred to as the "purveyors of fine hot sauces," the Heatonist sells and distributes sauces from all over the

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ON THE SHELVES: Heartbeat Hot Sauce was featured on YouTube's Hot Ones.

globe. The main attraction: they act as curators and select sauces for Hot Ones.

"We have a team of people whose job it is to find sauces that will suit our standards," Heatonist owner Noah Chaimberg said. "I'm originally from Montreal, so I have love for Canada, of

ct as course."

The naturalness of Heartbeat's creation process helped the two sides get acquainted. The Heatonist only accepts all-natural, small-batch sauces which is exactly the end result of the "Red Habanero." As it turns out, Thunder Bay's remote location may have helped, too.

"We're looking for unique sauces, ones that you can't just get at the local grocery store," Chaimberg said.

When Bourbouhakis was first contacted by the Heatonist, they were excited about the chance to be on the show, but had to go through months of anticipation to find out if it was a done deal.

Heartbeat was eventually involved in a vote between their Red Habanero, and Pirate's Lantern Pepper Sauce to decide which sauce would be featured.

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Eventually, both sauces got the nod, which was to the "excited relief" of Bourbouhakis.

"There was definitely some underlying tension and anxiety," he said. "When we first got the confirmation it was a big sigh of relief."

BOURBOUHAKIS The fun started on June 7 when Jackass star Johnny Knoxville became the first celebrity to every

try the Heartbeat-slathered wing. The sauce is No. 2 in the lineup out of

10 sauces, which may come to the surprise of locals who typically take a long swig of water after a bite.

Bourbouhakis said the show's producers have made an effort to get things hot in a hurry.

"(Knoxville) kind of shook his head a little bit... He immediately acknowledged that the heat level jumped up noticeably which is not typical for him early in the lineup." An early spot in the rotation should mean that every guest will get a chance to try the Heartbeat sauce.

"We've had a ton of people reach out and say how cool it is to have celebrities eating your hot sauce," Bourbouhakis said. "We've definitely seen a lot of our retail partnerships take off a little quicker than they might have without the show."

The influencing power of celebrities, and the wide exposure, can only mean good things for the local businesses.

"We've also had numerous businesses in Canada and the U.S. reach out since

the reveal episode in anticipation of people looking for it."

Thus far, both Season 6 episodes have eclipsed 3 million views on YouTube. Subsequently, Heartbeat Hot Sauce is stocking shelves as far as Alameda, California.

The excitement doesn't end on the business front. The celebrity reveal will come to the surprise of Bourbouhakis and his team at the same time as

everyone else. "There's been a lot of talk about Danny DeVito from *It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia*," he said on who he'd like to see try his sauce. "We listen to a lot of Joe Rogan podcasts, too... But pretty much anyone on the show will be cool to see."

New episodes of *Hot Ones* can be found on the First We Feast YouTube channel.

The sauce is available at various locations across town, which can be found on the company's website.

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cheque for \$15,600, the proceeds of the school's Relay for Life event.

Churchill hosts final Relay for Life event

High school set to close at end of June, torn down this summer

EDUCATION By Leith Dunick -TB Source

•tudents at Sir Winston Churchill and Vocational SInstitute offered up one last good deed on the final day of classes in the school's 51-year-old history.

Last Thursday, graduating students turned over a cheque worth \$15,600 to the Canadian Cancer Society, the proceeds from this year's Relay for Life event, which the school took over a year ago when the organization decided their own long-time event was no longer feasible.

Seventeen-year-old Cody Lane said it was an easy cause to get behind.

"Here at our school, cancer is a very deeply rooted issue. We have many who are affected by it - friends, family, teachers - and we wanted to sort of give back to them and let them know we're here for them." Lane said.

School-mate Laila Ikki, also 17, said the cause hits close to home.

"I have had a few teachers who have been affected

by cancer personally and it's had a tremendous toll on me as well as my other peers. I feel like it's important to support those who we find immediately close to ourselves."

Ikki said she was shocked when she learned on Thursday just how well the students had done fundraising for the event.

"It was absolutely incredible. I was astonished. Last year we raised \$14,791 and this year we raised \$15,600. That was a big, immense achievement for us, especially since our school is closing and this is the perfect way for us to end our careers here at Churchill."

School vice-principal Ryan McDonnell said they held activities for the kids during the relay and raised money throughout the school year.

"But the nice thing is we actually had some community teams participate as well," McDonnell said. "We had students from Confederation College and family participate and that sort of thing. The planning has been for a long time, so it was nice to pull it together for the event and raise some money,"

Spring into Summer winner announced

THUNDER BAY By Michael Charlebois - TB Source

One lucky resident will have an easy transition into summer with the acquisition of a new trailer. The ninth annual Spring into Summer raffle put on by St.

John's Ambulance saw Donna Quequish take home a brand new Catalina trailer as the grand prize.

Executive director Diana Sustawenko said the draw, which sold over 9,500 tickets, was another successful one.

"We had more tickets available than last year because the demand was so high, so we did end up selling more tickets in total.

The money raised will go toward the organization's community service programs like their car seat inspection program, school education programs, and medical first response division.

The fundraiser is the largest St. John's puts on for the year, and Sustawenko added that it's an essential part of funding for St. John's.

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City's mobile stage ready to rock

MUSIC By Leith Dunick – TB Source

ive at the Waterfront and the Thunder Bay Blues Festival will have a decidedly new look this summer.

Long held under the iconic yellow and whitestriped tent on a stage built atop a large concrete slab, this year's shows will instead be performed on the city's new \$1.6-million mobile SL-320 stage, a temporary stop-gap put in place until Phase 2 of the waterfront development is ready to go.

Ash Young, the city's cultural development and events supervisor, said it was just time to make a change.

"The white and yellow tent structure that we had probably surpassed its lifespan about 10 years ago. It was really no longer usable," Young said.

"It was becoming difficult to get it up to the engineering code each year."

The mobile stage, which comes complete with state-of-the-art lighting and sound, will debut on Friday night at Live on the Waterfront, featuring Nova Scotia rapper Classified, CTV's *The Launch* winner Logan Staats, aerialist Sachiko Brayshaw with the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra's string quartet and Elijah Will.

It will also be front and centre during Canada Day celebrations on Sunday, and house the nearly sold-out Thunder Bay Blues Festival the following weekend, featuring the likes of Sheryl Crow, Arkells, Sarah MacLachlin, Pat Benatar and Melissa Etheridge.

Young said converting the stage from tractor trailer to fully operational is not all that difficult. "We have a lot of trained operators here now and



MAKING ITS DEBUT: Workers assemble the city's mobile stage ahead of Friday's scheduled Live on the Waterfront event featuring Nova Scotia rapper Classified.

we're excited to show it off. For a regular 320 build, you could probably do it in about two hours, and that's minus the rigging. In about three hours you can be set up once you start getting really good at it."

The concert-going experience should be markedly improved, Young said.

"It's really a top-end stage sound that people are going to experience when they come here. Everything's going to be improved. It's definitely going to create a destination on Wednesday nights all summer long," he said.

Much of the money needed to cover the cost of the stage was secured through senior levels of government funding.

The ultimate plan – which has yet to receive approval and funding – is to build a permanent stage at the opposite end of Marina Park, near the current playground structure. It's expected to be at least four to five years before that process begins rolling out.



IN THE **bay**

Clinic inspires artis

ART By Doug Diaczuk -TB Source

Several young artists will see their work on display, which will help brighten the day of patients and residents at one local long-term care home.

The Lakehead Nurse Practitioner Clinic at McKellar Place held an art contest for local high school students to help fill some wall space following a recent expansion of the waiting area.

"We had an expansion earlier this year and we had some extra wall space so we were going to buy some art for the wall but then we thought we could incorporate some of the local talent from the high school students," said Pam Delgaty, clinical director at the Lakehead Nurse Practitioner Clinic.

The clinic received more than 35 entries from all local high schools and the winners were chosen by the board of directors and staff during the annual general meeting.

Delgaty said the talent of the young artists was very impressive and some of the board members and staff decided to purchase the art work that wasn't chosen.

Carley Kiiskila, a Grade 8 student from La Verendrye High School, was one of the winners and her piece, Ponders, will hang in the waiting area. "It's really a great privilege and I'm

really quite honoured," she said. Carley said she never thought about

entering any contests until she learned about it from her teacher.

"I've never actually painted," she said. "My grandmother does some water colour painting and occasionally I will help her. But this is the first time I tried textured acrylics."

Her painting, which features two coy fish, is meant to be calming and relaxing and can be interpreted in any way the viewer likes.

"It's meant to be coy fish in a pond and the green can either be interpreted as trees or algae, depending on what the viewer sees," she said. "It's very chill and very relaxed. It's kind of different. I didn't really have a message in mind until later when I finished it. The message can be really what the viewer sees."

After seeing the response and the quality of work this year, Delgaty said she hopes the clinic will be able to host an art contest every year.

With health care professionals often expressing the importance of kids staying active, staying creative is just as important.

"In the student population we really try to encourage them to be more physically active," Delgaty said. "But I think we also have to think about the importance of the art as well. I don't think that is appreciated enough. So we thought we would try to encourage that because we are always telling kids to get out there and exercise more but they also have to exercise their creative side as well."

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ON DISPLAY: The large clock, by Chloe Kuchta, a Grade 12 student at Superior High School, will hang in the waiting area at the Lakehead Nurse Practitioner's Clinic.





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TRADITIONAL PRIDE: Allan Wemigwans danced as a grass dancer at National Indigenous Peoples Day at Mount McKay.

A celebration of **Indigenous ways**

"Being with

my family,

seeing all my

friends, that's

everything."

Nevaeh Morriseau

FW FIRST NATION By Michael Charlebols - TB Source

The sound of booming drums, singing, and jingling dresses accompanied a picture perfect day at the top of Mount McKay.

On the longest day of the year, there was only room for sunshine and bright colours, as thousands dressed up in dazzling outfits to celebrate National Indigenous People's Day.

"Having everyone come together: Indigenous, non-Indigenous, all from different backgrounds sharing," said Ashley Nurmela who volunteered to work as the chair of the event, adding the most important function of the event is the inclusivity.

"Sharing the knowledge, sharing the food, sharing the tradition, the crafts, the food... and enjoying it as one."

The event is organized by a series of subcommittees according

to Nurmela. "It's super satisfying to see it come together," she said.

This year's theme was to honour and share Indigenous history. A series of significant objects such as a birch bark canoe, a truth and reconciliation art display, and a traditional red dress were on site.

But of course, the main event was the pow-wow.

The Indigenous love of dance was displayed by the masses, and it seemingly had no end.

Grass dancer Allan Wemigwans took a few minutes away from the pow-wow to talk about the history of his tradition.

"Grass dancing originated in the plains out west," Wemigwans said. "Our style repre-

sents the grass blowing in the wind. Whatever we do one side, we mimic that on the other side." Wemigwans said dancing is "a

part of us."

"Watching the other dancers, feeling the beat of the drum... it just feels really good, to pray, to get steam off, to give off positive vibes, it's just a good all-around feeling to be dancing.

Ten-year-old dancer Nevaeh Morriseau has been dancing for eight years, and said the day of

celebration is one of her favourites. "Being with my family, seeing all my friends, that's everything." she said, wearing a radiant pink jingle dress.

"I don't know. To make people aware of our culture, and how it all began, it's important. Not just for Canada, for everyone."



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Spike TV makes a lip sync blunder

bigger really better? In Hollywood, when it comes to breasts, real estate, and entertainment, the answer is a resounding, "Yes!"

This year, Spike TV's little karaokeshow-that-could, Lip Sync Battle, had a major makeover.

Originally, it began as a segment on The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon. John Krasinski was scheduled to appear and Fallon asked him what he's like to do.

He suggested an 8-Mile style rap battle, but do it lip-syncing to other people's songs.

The segment was so popular that Fallon continued it with other guests. He then pitched the concept as its own show but NBC passed.

So John, Stephen Merchant, Casev Patterson, and Jay Peterson took it to Spike TV.



And a phenomenon was born.

In 2015, LSB was the highest-rated premiere in Spike's history. L.L. Cool J hosted with swagger and model Chrissy Teigen added some oddball commentary.

The staging included a small bar for refreshments and space for the guests to get their groove on.

There, viewers saw their favourite

stars being goofy and down-to-earth. There was an inherent magic in watching a muscle-bound Dwayne Johnson rock out to Taylor Swift or Jenna Dewan-Tatum go all Magic Mike on her husband.

But better yet, the live audience could get "this close" and even touch these stars.

It was intimate, yet big enough for costumed production numbers.

And those numbers continued to grow, with more elaborate sets and even the occasional "guest" to help their friends.

Those "guests" included Beyoncé, Run DMC, Backstreet Boys, Pitbull, and even Jennifer Lopez - who turned Krasinski, himself, into a drooling fan-boy after she stepped out on stage with Anna Kendrick.

They had a super-sized Christmas

special and the occasional four-way competition.

But at the heart of Lip Sync Battle was an atmosphere of a Friday night party in a friend's basement.

Then Spike TV underwent a "rebranding."

It entered 2018 as "Paramount TV," with a powerhouse image and a new focus.

LSB's season four was moved to a huge new studio and now the guests invited are stars of Paramount TV's new scripted shows - turning every episode into a half-hour commercial.

The production numbers have tripled in size, as have the number of cameras to catch it all.

With wider camera angles and a carnival atmosphere, it's become more about the costumes and sets than the performers.

And instead of being in their living rooms, the stars are set back on a stage, firmly out of touch of the audience.

To deal with this, most of the closeup shots have focused more on the audience reactions and the hosts than the performers themselves - as though the director is desperately trying to prove that, "See? Everyone's having fun!"

But not everyone is.

Ratings have dropped.

After four years, that's not unexpected.

But given the money invested for this year's re-vamp, a nearly 50 per cent drop in one season does not bode well for the once Emmy-nominated series

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FREE FALLING: Thunder Bay's Evan Sawula (16) goes after the ball against WSA Winnipeg defender Caelan Budhoo last Saturday at Fort William Stadium in the Chill's 2-1 triumph.

Chill back in PDL hunt

Own goal in the 88th minute hands Thunder Bay a series sweep of WSA Winnipeg second-place Chicago (5-3-1) in the race for second Winnipeg broke free on a three-on-one and Lu

By Leith Dunick – TB Source

S Content a little luck goes a long way in soccer. Last Saturday night the Thunder Bay Chill found a little good fortune toward the end of their match against WSA Winnipeg, a must-win contest as the Premier Development League club continued its unlikely push toward the post-season.

With the Chill pressing for nearly 20 minutes in search of the go-ahead goal to secure a crucial three points against their division rival, Nathan Heath fired an innocent-looking shot toward the Winnipeg net in the 88th minute.

That's when Lady Luck struck.

The ball crashed into Winnipeg's Prince Amora and careened into the net past keeper Evan Barker, securing a 2-1 win at Fort William Stadium that may just have salvaged Thunder Bay's season.

There's still a long way to go, said coach Giovanni Petraglia, but at least they've given themselves a chance with two straight wins over winless Winnipeg (0-11-0).

The Chill (4-4-0) pulled to within four points of

second-place Chicago (5-3-1) in the race for second place in the Heartland Division and two points of third place Kaw Valley (4-4-2).

"We're back on track. Everything is in our hands. Sure, we need to win our games, but we don't need to wait for other results from other fields," Petraglia said.

"If we recover the players that we think we'll recover this week, I believe we have a

reasonable shot to make the playoffs again."

That's all they're looking for, said Heath, who breathed a heavy sigh of relief when the final whistle sounded.

"That's been the goal since the beginning. We wanted the playoffs. It has taken a couple of results elsewhere to put us in contention, but they've come and we've obviously got to grasp the opportunity, which we plan on doing," Heath said.

The Chill jumped on the Winnipeg defence in a hurry in Saturday's rematch, midfielder Marco Kuemmerle beating Barker in the sixth minute for a 1-0 lead they'd take to halftime.

But a breakdown on defence nine minutes into the second half nearly cost them dearly.

Winnipeg broke free on a three-on-one and Luis Melendez fired a shot on Chill keeper Matthew Mozinsky, who made the first stop. But Will Brown was in the right place at the right time and pounced on the rebound, firing into the Thunder Bay net to tie the game 1-1.

"We made a big mistake on the goal we conceded," Petraglia said. "It's something we should address right away, an immature mistake. Then we started to chase the game, because for us the tie's not good enough, obviously."

Sullivan Silva and Sergio Campano delivered chance after chance, but just couldn't connect, the closest opportunity to score coming in the 71st, when Silva launched a spectacular bicycle kick that bounced off the crossbar and out of harm's way.

Marc Fernandez missed an open net in the 83rd, but Heath came to the rescue, just when it was looking like the Chill might have to settle for the draw.

"I just whipped it in low and fortunately for us the guy put it in the back of the net," Heath said.

Thunder Bay hits the road next weekend for three games, starting in St. Louis on Saturday night and concluding with contests in Chicago on July 2 and July 3.

"We're back on track. Everything is in our hands." GIOVANNI PETRAGLIA

T-Wolves add Spanish point guard

BASKETBALL By Michael Charlebols – TB Source

The Lakehead women's basketball team has reached across the Atlantic Ocean to nab its latest recruit.

Sofia Ainsa Lluch, a five-foot-six point guard from Menorca, Spain, announced her commitment to the team.

Lluch heads to Lakehead with an illustrious pre-collegiate career in her rearview mirror. In 2017, she was named MVP of England's U19 National League, averaging 18 points-per-game while shooting 35 per cent from beyond the arc.

She led her club, John Madejski Academy, to the league title, and scored 28 points in the championship game.

Lluch spent last season in her native Spain, playing for U18 Picken Claret in Valencia, averaging 12 points-per-game.

"Having the opportunity to study in Canada and being able to do what I love the most, basketball, is like a dream come true," Lluch said in a release issued by the school's athletic department.

Thunderwolves coach John Kreiner believes Lluch's impact will be felt right away.

"Sofia will be asked to play point guard for our team and she possesses the skill set to contribute immediately on both ends of the floor," Kreiner said. "Sofia is a very strong defender and plays with great energy and intensity. She is a versatile player who can shoot the FIBA three well."

Lakehead finished last season with a 16-8 regular season record before being ousted by the Windsor Lancers in the OUA quarterfinals.

She joins an already impressive cast of recruits including: Nikolina Vrcic of Georgetown, Ont; Talia Peters of Winkler, Manitoba; and Julia Dunbar of Dartmouth, N.S.

Local recruits Mariah MacFarlane, and Nicole Pocion of St. Ignatius High School round out the class.



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BIG TALENT: Sophia Lluch led Johd Madejski Academy to a league title, scoring 28 points in the championship game.

CLOSE PLAY AT THE PLATE



SAFE AT HOME: La Crosse Loggers leadoff hitter Braiden Ward slides home safely past Thunder Bay Border Cats catcher Evan Russell in the first inning on Monday, at Port Arthur Stadium. The Cats went on to lose 8-1.







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